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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on the 5th December 2016
in the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs: P Long (Chairman), A Murdock, G Vizma and D Gibley (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr D Stewart, Mr M Yates and Mr M Christie.

161/16 Apologies for absence.

Cllrs N Clarke, L Walsh and P Brittain.

162/16 . Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, noting that he would take matters of interest to the public first.

163/16 Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

No declarations of interest were declared.

164/16. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of 7th November, previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

165/16. Matters Arising

- **Stockerston Lane sign.** It was reported that the missing pointer has been replaced.
- **Notice Board.** The Clerk reported that Mr Edward Hankey had very kindly offered to replace the notice board with two similar notice boards on the front of the Shop, utilising the existing wood. He has confirmed that Mr and Mrs Hankey were in agreement and the work would be done at Mr Hankey's convenience during the next 2 months. The meeting expressed their thanks.

166/16. Planning Matters.

The Clerk, in the absence of Cllr Brittain, reported on the following planning matters:

- **16/01370/FUL – 9 Brook Lane – Convert existing barn to dwelling.** The application has been approved.
- **16/01732/LBC – 16 Cross Bank – internal Works.** The application is pending.
- **16/01513/FUL – 13 Deepdale - erect one dwelling and garage.** The application has been approved.
- **16/01630/FUL – The Cottage, Caldecott Road – replace existing house.** The application is pending.
- **16/01804/FUL – 30 Barnsdale – erect single storey rear extension .** The application is pending.
- **16/01821/FUL - 43 High Street- works to patio.** The application is pending.
- **16/01795/VAC – 28 Broadgate – change to window materials.** The application is pending.
- **Parking and Mud from vehicles along Broadgate.** The Clerk reported that the complaints had been forwarded to Mulberry Developments who had responded positively but it remained a problem. Mr Stewart said that the early provision of parking was a planning condition and he understood the on-site car park would be available in the coming week.
- **S106 funding re 28 Broadgate.** In response to a query, Mr Stewart said that the initial S106 funds which were to be paid to the Village hall had been delayed because of administrative problems within HDC. He added this would be resolved shortly.

- **Village Flooding.** The Chairman said that he and the Clerk had attended a recent meeting with Anglian Water held at Mr Christie's home. The main points arising, including helpful contributions from Mr Christie and Mr Yates, were:
 - Anglian Water have continued to be pro active in identifying and rectifying faults and some final work has yet to be completed.
 - A final meeting with Anglian Water has been scheduled for 27 February.
 - The informal group of Mr M Yates, Mr M Christie, Mr J Henniker-Major, Mrs L Upton, with the Chairman and the Clerk, will become a sub-committee of the PC. This is in recognition that the varying strands of the work to alleviate the local flooding will be on-going and this group is best placed to maintain the progress made to date, on behalf of the PC and the village.
 - Drainage to the north of Broadgate. An early meeting will be arranged with Mr Steve Mitchell of Mulberry Developments to appraise him of the information gained to date and to discuss whether assistance for a survey of the relevant area will be the best way forward.
 - A joint meeting with the Lead Local Flood Agency (LLFA) and all relevant agencies has yet to be arranged.
 - A further meeting of the sub committee has been arranged for 15 January at 10am at Mr Christie's .

167/16.Financial Matters

The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:

- **Payments.** The following payments were authorised:

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| On line | £30.00 | Bugler for Remembrance Sunday |
| On line | £7.00 | NP – Hall Hire -14 Nov |
| On line | £40.00 | Wreath (£18.50) and Donation (£21.50) - Poppy Appeal |
| On Line | £200.00 | GELT – Donation |
| On Line | £1,440.00 | NP – Yourlocale Inv 011 |

- **Financial Regulations – Contracts.** The Clerk requested PC approval for the amendment to the Financial Regulations, previously circulated, authorising the PC to issue a purchase order without having to follow the contract tendering process for PCs. This is a dispensation for PCs with an annual turnover of less than £25K. This was agreed.

- **Budget and Precept for 2017/18.** The Clerk reminded all that the budget and precept for 2017/18 would need to be formally recorded at the January meeting. It was noted that there had been no comments to date concerning the proposed significant increase in the precept.

- **Transparency Fund application.** The Clerk confirmed the transparency fund application would be submitted in December.

168/16. Arboreal matters.

Cllr Murdock reported on the following:

- **Pruning works to trees applications:**

- 16/01469/TCA – Pruning works to trees – 19 Brook Lane – approved
- 16/01405/DDD –Dying acadia tree – remains pending
- 16/01621/TCA – Pruning works to trees - 12 Musk Close – approved
- 16/01670/TCA – Pruning works to trees - 39 High Street – approved.
- 16/01880/TCA – Works to trees - Roedene, Pitchers Lane – new.

- **Hedge adjacent to the Brook Lane Paddock.** Cllr Murdock said that the hedge bordering Brook Lane paddock and Moulds Lane required a trim as it was encroaching on the footpath. Cllr Murdock

said she would reconfirm this to the Clerk, prior to him contacting Mr Uppal. **Action: Cllr Murdock - Deepdale Trees.** Cllr Murdock said that as the road was unadopted and LCC and HDC had both confirmed they did not own the trees, Mr Gibbs had been advised to apply to HDC for permission to prune the overhanging branches in his garden.

- **Treespace Quotation.** Cllr Murdock circulated a quotation from Treespace for pruning works to trees at the Caldecott Road Cemetery, Church Bank and the Village Hall, totalling £663 after discount, if all the work was authorised at the same time. It was noted that this includes all the planning paperwork, removal of brash and timber and that VAT is not applicable. It was agreed to proceed. The Clerk was authorised to formally accept the tender once Cllr Murdock had clarified a possible minor designation error in the quotation. **Action: Cllr Murdock/Clerk**

169/16. Police, Community and Heritage Matters

Nothing to report.

170/16. Neighbourhood Plan Report. The Chairman reminded all that the meeting on Wed 14th December would be a joint meeting of the PC and the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee to consider and adopt the Consultation and Responses document, compiled following the statutory 6 week consultation and the amended Draft Neighbourhood Plan. Both documents had been previously circulated to Cllrs and would be placed on the website on Tuesday 6th December. **Action: All**

171/16. Poor's Charity

The Clerk reported that he had confirmed with Mr Parker that the registration application had been submitted by the Solicitor in September but there is a 6 month delay in processing similar applications. It was agreed to monitor progress in March 2017. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk noted he had today received the annual rental of £315 for 2016 and this would be held pro tem in the PC reserve account.

172/16. Parish Council Website. It was agreed to make the website a standing agenda item. The Clerk noted that the site is now increasingly accessible.

173/16. Defibrillator.

Nothing further to report.

174/16. AOB

- **Parish Council Informal meeting.** The Chairman said he would organise an informal meeting with Medbourne and potentially Bringhurst and Drayton Parish Meeting early in 2017, following D Cllr Rickman's previous suggestion. **Action: Chairman**

- **Road junction with A6003.** Cllr Murdock said the junction is difficult to see at night when turning from the A6003 and wondered if LCC Highways would agree to visibility road markings. It was agreed to discuss this at the January meeting.

160/16. Date of next meeting:

Mon 9th January 2017 at 7.30 in the Village Hall. NB Second Mondays in the month

DAC Gibley
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long
(Chairman)